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MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

SIR,—

Christchurch, May, 1895.

I have the honour to submit the following report on the Deaf-and-dumb Asylum at Sumner:—

The pupils number forty-six—twenty-four boys and twenty-two girls.

With the exception of whooping-cough, some trifling ailments for which they were brought to my house, and one boy breaking his leg, for which he was treated at the Christchurch Hospital, they have enjoyed good health.

The institution is now full. Two of the younger girls now sleep in the main building.

I have also to point out that the accommodation for the servants is very limited. Two servants sleep in one small bed. Being sisters, they do not object or complain, but it is very undesirable that it should be permitted.* I would therefore respectfully urge the Government to take into consideration the necessity for making some arrangement to increase the accommodation for pupils and servants.

The pupils are progressing satisfactorily in their education.

The master and matron are indefatigable in their efforts to amuse and make the pupils happy and comfortable, and seem to have the cordial assistance of the other officials.

I remain, &c.,

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Medical Officer

The Minister of Education, Wellington.

* This has been rectified.—SEC. EDUC.

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